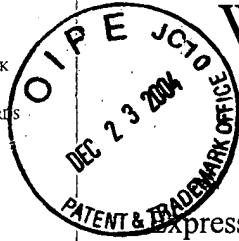


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Restriction/Election Requirement  
for entry in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application has been established under  
37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27.

To secure the approval of the Examiner for proposed amendments  
to the drawings, enclosed are the following:

Letter to the Official Draftsperson;

- Set of \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) sheets of drawings containing Figures \_\_\_\_\_ including the proposed amendments therein; and
- A duplicate set of the \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) sheets of drawings with the changes therein highlighted in red.
- X To render the transmitted Response to Restriction/Election Requirement timely filed enclosed are the following:
- X Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time; and
- X Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$225.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time.
- X A Certificate of Express Mail Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10.
- X No additional claim fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as follows:

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- X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.
- X Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- X Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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X A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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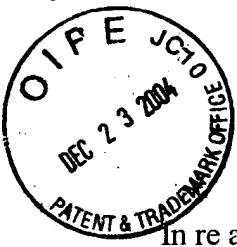
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